

*[Handwritten signature]*

BOX PCT

IN THE UNITED STATES ELECTED/DESIGNATED OFFICE  
OF THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
UNDER THE PATENT COOPERATION TREATY-CHAPTER II

APPLICANT: Christian Rappel DOCKET NO: 112740-312  
SERIAL NO: GROUP ART UNIT:  
EXAMINER:

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO: PCT/DE00/00611

INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE: 1 March 2000

INVENTION: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ELECTRONICALLY  
PROCESSING PURCHASING AND SALES  
TRANSACTIONS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, D.C. 20231

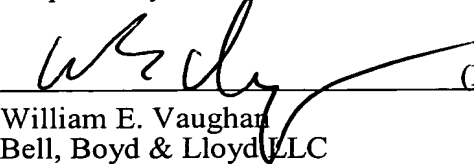
**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

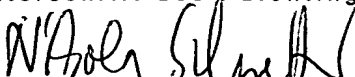
In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the references listed on Form PTO-1449, copies of which are enclosed herewith in accordance with 37 CFR §1.98, be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States Patent.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claimed invention is distinguishable and non-obvious over the enclosed references, taken singly or in combination.

Accordingly, early consideration and allowance of the application, including the claims, are hereby requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Reg. No. 39,056)  
William E. Vaughan  
Bell, Boyd & Lloyd LLC  
P.O. Box 1135  
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1135  
(312) 807-4292  
Attorneys for Applicant

| NR.   | Dokument   | Bemerkungen |
|---|--|-------------|
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> aus Recherchenbericht                             |             |
|   |  |             |
|   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in der Beschreibungseinleitung genannt |             |
| 1   | Singleton, Cash on the Wirehead, BYTE, Seite 71, Vol. 20, Nr. 6, Juni 1995 |             |
| 2   | US 5,794,221   |             |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> weiterer Stand der Technik                        |             |
|   |  |             |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> im engen Zusammenhang stehende US-Anmeldungen     |             |
|   |  |             |
| Unterschrift des Patentingenieurs   |  | Datum       |
|  |  | 24.08.2001  |